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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Complaint of AT&T Communications of Wisconsin, Inc., Against Century
Telephone Enterprises and CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc. 2815-TI-101
Regarding Access Charges

Complaint by MCI Telecommunications Corporation and WorldCom
Technologies, Inc., Against Century Telephone Enterprises and CenturyTel 2815-TI-102
of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc., Regarding Access Charges

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND
ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Prehearing Conference Date:	August 25, 1999 – 10 a.m.
Prehearing Conference Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin

THIS IS A PROCEEDING, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1), 196.219 (4)(a), 196.28(1), and 196.37, to determine whether Century Telephone Enterprises (CTE) and CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc. (Kendall), are in violation of one or more of the following Wisconsin statutes: 196.19, 196.20(2m), 196.219(2m), 196.22, and 196.37.

AT&T Communications of Wisconsin, Inc. (AT&T), MCI Telecommunications Corporation and WorldCom Technologies, Inc. (together, MCI), filed complaints with the Commission, on March 4 and May 20, 1999, respectively, alleging that CTE and Kendall improperly increased access rates at nineteen exchanges¹ purchased from Wisconsin Bell, Inc., effective December 1, 1998. As a result of its informal investigation of this matter, Commission staff has similar concerns about CTE and Kendall's access rate changes.

This is a Class 2 proceeding, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a). The hearing examiner is Jeffry J. Patzke. The hearing examiner will render a proposed decision, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.46(2).

¹ The nineteen exchanges are: Ashland, Baraboo, Bayfield, Berlin, Cornell, Green Lake, Hurley, Ladysmith, Marinette, Mazomanie, North Freedom, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Princeton, Redgranite, Stanley, Superior and Washburn.

The parties are AT&T and MCI (Complainants), CTE and Kendall (Respondents), and Commission staff. Any person claiming a substantial interest which may be affected by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a request to be admitted as a party, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m), within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a prehearing conference will be held August 25, 1999, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building.

At the prehearing conference the hearing examiner shall make proposed rulings to the Commission on: (1) requests for admission as parties; (2) the issues for hearing; (3) the date and time for hearing; and (4) such other matters, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 227.44(4), as he may deem appropriate.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of CTE and Kendall. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from CTE and Kendall in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to get this document in a different format should contact Examiner Jeffry J. Patzke at (608) 266-7165.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission,

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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